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SUBJECT: Vetting Form for ~~SS~~-Hauptsturmführer Kuno WIRSICH
TO : OO I-2 Germany

Accompanying is a "Vetting Form XYZ-1" for SS-Hauptsturmführer Kuno WIRSICH. He is strongly recommended for your approval as our agent. The reasons for our recommendation are as follows:

- a. He is well-educated, intelligent man; with a clear analytical mind.
- b. He is the only man we have ever met who not only objected to Nazism in principle, but resolved to do something about it personally; he would combat Nazism by joining the most Nazi of the Nazi organizations, the Waffen-SS; he would collect all incriminating information and documents and disseminate it to the world through his Communist "cell". And he has succeeded in by giving much of this information to his chief, Walter KOHN, and later to "Ernst"; and several highly confidential documents to us (these have been already published by the IG, Third Army, Of.:
 - 1) Third Army Det, IPW Report No 19 of 16 May 1945 - "Der Reichskommissar für die Festigung des Deutschen Reiches und Volkstums"
 - 2) Third Army Det, IPW Report No 20 of 17 May 1945 - "Hitler's Plan for the Future"
 - 3) Third Army Det, IPW Report No 20 of 17 May 1945 - "Heinrich Himmler: A Character Sketch"
 - 4) Third Army Det, IPW Report No 21 of 20 May 1945 - "Enslavement of the East - Nazi Blueprint"
 - 5) TUSA IG, Report No 14 of 6 July 1945 - "Personalities connected with H. Himmler as the Reichskommissar für die Festigung des deutschen Volkstums" (16 pages).
- c. He appears to be honest and convincing, a man of character and high ideals.
- d. Considering the ruthlessness of the SS, WIRSICH had to camouflage his real objective that it might prove very hard for us to check the truthfulness of his story, but once the story would be proven - we would have a man whom we could really trust, a man capable of netting even the smallest upsurge of fascism and militarism.

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XYZ-1 (VETTING, SHORT F)

a. SCI
b. Munich
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e. 2 August 1945
f. Interrogation and investigation believed reliable
g. Urgent

1. WIRSICH
2. Kuno Max Eduard
3. No other names ever used.
4. 9 January 1908 in Niewisch/Brandenburg, Germany
5. German
6. TUSA IC, Freising, Bavaria
7. "Behelfsheim", Vilshofen/Bavaria
8. a. 1.78m
b. 70kgs
c. erect
d. bland, receding
e. long
f. ruddy
g. none
h. none
9. 1926 (summer) - vacation in Italy and Switzerland
1930-38 - short summer trips to Czechoslovakia
1937 - vacation in Italy
1939 - several weeks in Yugoslavia
1940-44 - short "dienstreisen" to Poland
10. 1935 -38 - worked as an "Assessor" in the "Siedlungsbau", Berlin
1938 -43 - worked in the Berlin Law Firm (Anwaltsfirma) of R.A. Stegmann, Dr. v. Kries u. Hans Joachim Gütz at Burggrafenstrasse 4, Berlin
11. Never worked officially for any Allied intelligence; has worked, though, for some Communistic "cell" under Walter KOHN alias Walter KOCH (or vice versa) and later headed by "ERNST" (real name unknown). Few details are known concerning the activity of this Communistic "cell"; more can be found out from Friedrich RÖTTER, ALEXANDER-KATZ, Hans GOLDE, Rolf STRIEM, Ilse JUHNEMANN, Inge v. MANGEL, Dora THIELE, Evelyne ROBERTSON, Walter KOHN's fiancée called "THEA", "RUBINSTEIN", Otto LANDAUER, Max SKIRRA, August RATHMANN, and Georg GOTTSTEIN.
12. A point of investigation is location and interrogation of Walter KOHN alias KOCH, and his successor "ERNST", the two leaders of the "cell". Some of the people mentioned in para 11 are believed to be in England (particularly Evelyne ROBERTSON, Friedrich RÖTTER, ALEXANDER-KATZ, Hans GOLDE, and Rolf STRIEM). WIRSICH's best character witness is Otto LANDAUER, last address: Mauren 100, Mieschtenstein.
(Additional points which might be helpful in ascertaining the truthfulness of his story that he actively engaged in anti-Nazi work - will be sent in to you as soon as they will be received here.)
13. His cooperation with us and with the TUSA IC is unquestioned. He regularly submits helpful bits of information on people brought to the IC for interrogation. Efforts are in progress from this end to check his story with his wife; we will try to locate another of his co-workers: Dora THIELE. (Full interrogation report is being now made and will shortly be forwarded to you).

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14. Originally a Lutheran; had to quit his religious affiliation when he joined the Waffen SS in September 1939; his father is a Lutheran minister in Silesia; his wife and children are Roman Catholics.
 15. None officially; claims to have passed through the following stages: Communist, National Socialist, to his own liberal view-point.
 16. Married to Inge v. MANDEL; has 2 children: Gabriel (6yrs) and Stefan (6 mos) - now living in Vilshofen, Bavaria (Behelfsheim).
 17. Elementary School - 1915-18, Hirschberg, Silesia
Gymnasium ----- 1918-26, "
University ----- 1926-30, Kiel, Breslau, Berlin
Law School ----- 1931-35, Berlin
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